



**Blackbelt Broadcasting Inc.
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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Elimination of Main Studio Rule

MB Docket No. 17-106

**COMMENTS OF
BLACKBELT BROADCASTING INC.**

Blackbelt Broadcasting is the licensee of WLYB FM Livingston Alabama and WRYC FM Frisco City Alabama. We are in support of the elimination of the main studio rule. The majority of our listeners communicate with us via telephone, or email. With the implementation and transition of the station public file on line, listeners now have 24 hour access to that information. For the record, we have had zero inquiries to see our public file.

The funding to maintain a main studio staff could better be utilized for additional projects such as covering local sports, community events, and news (public forums, town hall meetings) where a main studio is unnecessary.

The main studio rule is antiquated, outdated and is an unnecessary expense for many small market stations who are struggling to survive. This ruling may actually save many local stations from going dark, and the loss of those stations now serving the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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